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An Evening Echo.

What you keep by you, you may change and mend; but words once spoken can never be recalled.—ROSCOMMON.

An Aggressive Campaign.

The determination of the Republicans to hold their convention the week before the Democrats hold theirs shadows a forceful and aggressive campaign.

In choosing June 14 as the date for their convention the Democrats thought they had forced the Republicans to meet later, but the Republicans have no need to await the publication of the Democratic platform to procure an issue.

The Republican party has always been the party of action, the affirmative party, and the Democratic party has always been the party of criticism and negation.

And so it will be next year. The record of this administration affords all the issues the Republicans desire, or need. They will meet at Chicago and attack the Democratic administration in no uncertain terms and will put before the people a positive and constructive program regarding which there can be no doubt.

A week later the Democrats will foregather in St. Louis and devote themselves to their customary pastime—criticism of the Republicans.

These Will Make Arrangements.

The Republican National Committee did not select a temporary chairman for the national convention but delegated that task, along with others of less importance, to a committee on arrangements consisting of Charles D. Hilles, chairman; Ralph E. Williams, Oregon; E. C. Duncan, North Carolina; Franklin Murphy, New Jersey; Fred W. Estabrook, New Hampshire; Fred Stanley, Kansas; Charles B. Warren, Michigan; Alvan H. Martin, Virginia; James P. Goodrich, Indiana; Thomas K. Neldinghaus, Missouri; and John T. Adams, Iowa.

A glance at the personnel of the committee shows it to be entirely representative—not of the so-called "old guard," not of the "Progressives"—but of the entire party, this being an entirely logical outcome of the entire absence of factionalism which characterized the entire meeting of the national committee.

The New Apportionment.

The new apportionment plan, proposed by resolution of the Republican National Committee adopted in December, 1913, since approved by the Republican organization of twenty-two states and now made final by action of the committee, provides in effect for two delegates for each senator and one for each representative in Congress, and in addition thereto, for one delegate for each congressional district which cast not less than 7,500 Republican votes either in the 1908 or 1914 election.

In effect, this will reduce the delegates in the next national convention from 1978 to 985. The changes in detail are as follows: Alabama loses eight delegates, Arkansas three, Florida four, Georgia eleven, Louisiana eight, Mississippi eight, New Mexico two, New York three, North Carolina three, South Carolina seven, Tennessee three, Texas fourteen, Virginia nine, Hawaii six, Philippines two and Porto Rico two, making a total reduction of ninety-three.

With a convention consisting of 985 delegates, 494 votes will, of course, be necessary to nominate.

No Whip-and-Spur Methods.

The defense program of the administration has already struck the snag which the Omaha Bee recently pointed out was probable in case the president insisted upon making it an administration measure instead of one on the broad lines of national policy.

Congressman Mann, leader of the Republican minority in the House, has announced in no unequivocal manner that while he is ready to assist in measures for national preparedness, he cannot be counted on for any measure which the president decides to force through Congress and that he must see the plans in detail before committing himself to their support.

It is perfectly apparent that the measure must have the Republican support to pass the House, and it is a foregone conclusion that no ready-made proposition can ever receive a majority vote if advanced as a partisan measure. The views of all the men who believe in the principle of na-

tional preparedness must be met in a measure and reconciled to each other, and this cannot be accomplished by the whip-and-spur methods used for administration bills in the previous Congress.

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four hours after it was drilled through the sand. In the southwest quarter of section 18, the same company has completed and shot No. 3 on the W. E. and M. E. Shaw farm and it produced forty-five barrels the ensuing twenty-four hours.

Good Producer in the Bremen District.

In the old Bremen district, Rush creek township, Fairfield county, the Carter Oil Company drilled a second test on the Bert Seifert farm through the Clinton sand and it is showing for a fifty barrel producer. This well is showing for a better producer than any late completion in Fairfield county.

In the northern district there are several important wells due in the sand. At Brinkhaven, Washington township, Knox county, the Farbing Drilling Company is due in the sand at No. 3 on the W. A. Barnes farm.

Shallow Territory.

In the Woodfield district, Center township, Monroe county, Cooper and Young have drilled a test on the Joseph McFadden farm through the Keener sand and it will make a fifteen barrel producer. In Wayne township, E. S. Warner drilled his test on the Joseph McFadden farm through the Keener sand and it will make a fifteen barrel producer.

In the Grayville district, the Pomerick Oil Company drilled a test on the M. J. Hodge farm, through the same formation and had a close call. The well will not be good for more than two barrels a day.

In the Corning district, Monroe township, Perry county, James J. H. Fisher has drilled No. 22 on the W. H. Fisher farm through the Berea grit. It will make a very light producer in that formation. In the same locality John Holden is drilling in the sand at No. 16 on the Rodgers Brothers' farm.

In the Newport district, Washington county, William Reader's No. 3 on the Guthrie Mendenhall farm is holding up at 100 barrels a day.

West Virginia Completions.

There is no departure from the run of light wells in the West Virginia fields. On Muddy creek, Ellsworth district, Tyler county, the Middlebourne Oil and Gas Company drilled a test on the Frank Smith farm through the Big Injun sand and secured a ten-barrel producer. In Me-

Elroy district, Tyler county, the Carter Oil Company drilled a second test on the White farm through the Gordon sand and has a gasser in that formation. The location is 700 feet southwest of the first test.

On Little Battle Creek, McClelland district, Doddridge county, the Hope Natural Gas Company drilled No. 5 on the Ross Stromler farm through the Big Injun sand and developed a good gas producer. On Grays run, Murphy district, Ritchie county, the Hope Natural Gas Company drilled its test on the D. M. Miller farm through the Big Injun sand and secured a duster.

Weir, Sand Producer in Kanawha.

Located on Pinch creek, Elk district, Kanawha county, the William S. Edwards Oil Company has completed and shot a second test on the George Bryant farm and it is good for fifteen barrels a day from the Weir sand. The location is 1,500 feet east of No. 1 on the same farm, a ten barrel producer. On Goose creek, Grant district, Ritchie county, the Wallace Oil Company drilled No. 4 on the John Lowther farm from the Salt sand to the Keener sand and secured a ten-barrel producer.

On Spice run, Jefferson district, Pleasants county, the Hope Natural Gas Company drilled its test on the S. C. Hamilton farm, through the Big Injun and developed a fair gas pressure in both formations. On Fishing creek, Grant district, Wetzel county, the Philadelphia Company's test on the R. Barr farm is a gasser in the Big Injun sand.

On Bingham creek, Mannington district, Marion county, the Hope Natural Gas Company drilled its test on the J. F. Hess farm through the Gordon sand and has a gasser.

Dorseyville Wells Delayed.

In the Dorseyville field there are three wells paid due in the pay, but all are drilling in the thirty-foot sand. The National Oil and Gas Company's important test on the Stevenson farm, located north of the W. J. Robinson farm and east of the Seibert farm, has been drilled twenty-five feet into the sand and got a little show of oil. The Seibert farm well got the lower pay at thirty-four feet in the sand and there is still a chance for a big show of oil. The National Oil and Gas Company has drilled No. 5 on the W. J. Robinson farm eighteen feet into the sand and the hole has filled up 1,000 feet with oil. Alex Walley's No. 4 on the George Mason farm is drilling in the sand and expects to get the pay at any time.

The Oil Market.

The prices paid for oil of various grades by the purchasing agencies are:

Pennsylvania ..... \$2.15

Mercer black ..... 1.85

New Castle ..... 1.85

Corning ..... 1.65

Cabell ..... 1.70

North Lima ..... 1.33

South Lima ..... 1.33

Princeton ..... 1.42

Wooster ..... 1.45

Indiana ..... 1.18

Somerset ..... 1.65

England ..... 1.47

Illinois ..... 1.20

Kansas and Oklahoma ..... 1.20

Corsicana light ..... 1.00

Corsicana heavy ..... .55

Electra ..... 1.00

Henrietta ..... 1.00

Henderton ..... .55

Caddo, 35 degrees ..... .90

Caddo, 35 degrees ..... .90

Caddo, 32 degrees ..... .85

Caddo, crude ..... .75